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1. Construction was started in 1945 and 1946 with drainage work. Construction of workshops was started in 1947. It was to be completed in 1955. (Soviet statements.)
2. Five or six building sites for 500 x 165-foot workshops could be identified.
3. The inscription Heinkel Werke (Heinkel plant) was on iron scaffolds, machine tools, and boxes.

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November 1948 to March 1949

1. Location: West of the railroad line to ATKARSK, between SARATOV and YELSHANKA.
2. Newly constructed railroad spur track.
3. Size: About $1 \frac{1}{2}$ x $1 \frac{1}{4}$ miles.
4. Construction work is to be completed by 1950 with production scheduled to start in 1951.
5. Designation (as used by Soviets and PWs): Aircraft plant.

March 1949

1. Designation: Aircraft plant, besides glass factory.
2. Size: About 0.3 x 0.3 miles.
3. A workshop, about 330 x 160 x 50 feet, completed as a basic brick structure, will probably be finished by May 1949.

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November to December 1948

1. Size, including settlements: About 2.2 x 1 mile.
2. A railroad spur track connecting with the SARATOV-ATKARSK railroad line is available.
3. Construction was started in 1947 or probably as late as 1948.
4. Construction work: The informant had no clear idea of the construction plan. He thought that an extensive plant with many workshops was under construction. Speed of construction work and management were excellent. Numerous constructing cranes and a network of field railways, possibly of standard gauge, were being used. No material shortage was noticed.
5. Deadline set for completion: 1950, as Soviets often mentioned.
6. Designation: Aircraft plant (according to Soviet statements). This appeared possible as the name of Junkers or Heinkel was on boxes and many iron scaffolds.
7. Dismantled machinery depot: The storage depot for dismantled machinery covered an area of about 1,000 x 650 feet. Available shedroofs and old buildings were filled with boxes and machinery up to a height of about 50 feet. The largest boxes were about 16 x 13 x 13 feet. 25X1A

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a. This information is only a confirmation that a new extensive industrial plant is being constructed NW of SARATOV. From the size of the brick buildings it is inferred that the main workshops now available presumably cover about 12 acres.

b. The target dates indicated for the completion of the new plant range from 1950 to 1955. It is concluded that the target date set for the completion of the construction work may coincide with that of the present Five Year Plan (1950), while production may be started at the beginning of the next Five Year Plan. As dismantled German aircraft machinery such as Heinkel, Junkers and, possibly, Henschel, is being used in this plant, it can be taken for granted that an aircraft plant is under construction and any information indicating an armored car plant or glass factory is erroneous.

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